

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Joshua 1:8 (ESV)



<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)



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There are some things in Paul's writings that are hard to understand.

2 Peter 3:16 (ESV)



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3. They don't know where to start.




Best option: Go to [ridgepointwichita.com/bible](http://ridgepointwichita.com/bible) and click on the service time you normally attend (8:15, 9:30, 11:00)

Option 2: pick up a printed copy at the Connect Cart or print a copy from [ridgepointwichita.com/bible](http://ridgepointwichita.com/bible)



Week 1 (Jan. 1-10)	The Law	Genesis – Deuteronomy
Week 2 (Jan. 11-17)	History, part 1	Joshua – 2 Samuel
Week 3 (Jan. 18-24)	History, part 2	1 Kings – Esther
Week 4 (Jan. 25-31)	Wisdom / Poetry	Job – Song of Solomon
Week 5 (Feb. 1-7)	Major Prophets	Isaiah – Daniel
Week 6 (Feb. 8-14)	Minor Prophets	Hosea – Malachi
Week 7 (Feb. 15-21)	Gospels	Matthew – John
Week 8 (Feb. 22-28)	Acts	Acts
Week 9 (March 1-7)	Paul's Letters	Romans – Philemon
Week 10 (March 8-14)	Others' Letters	Hebrews - Revelation





LAW	Genesis - Deuteronomy	5 books
HISTORY	Joshua - Esther	12 books
<b>Chronological end of the Old Testament</b>		
WISDOM & POETRY	Job – Song of Solomon	5 books
PROPHETS	Isaiah - Malachi	17 books





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● Babylon

● Susa

● Ur

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Mt. Pisgah







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In the beginning, God created the heavens  
and the earth.

Genesis 1:1 (ESV)



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*covenant*

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The **Son of Almighty God** was **destroyed** by His own **hand** on a **tree**, with **thorns** on His **head** as a **gift** of the **covenant**.



<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.  
<sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

John 1:1-3 (ESV)



<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

Colossians 1:15-20 (ESV)



**16** For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through Him and for Him.

Colossians 1:15-20 (ESV)



**17** And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

Colossians 1:15-20 (ESV)



**18** And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent.

Colossians 1:15-20 (ESV)



<sup>19</sup> For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

Colossians 1:15-20 (ESV)



All to Jesus I surrender  
All to Him I freely give  
I will ever love and trust Him  
In His presence daily live.



I surrender all  
I surrender all  
All to Thee my Blessed Savior  
I surrender all



All to Jesus I surrender  
Lord, I give myself to Thee  
Fill me with Thy love and power  
Let Thy blessings fall on me.



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